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Dear House Health Policy Committee member:

As the state's leading healthcare advocacy organization, the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) is proud to serve as a resource for elected officials and policymakers. The healthcare industry is one of Michigan's largest private-sector employers and directly provides 570,000 jobs to people in every county in the state. This helps drive more than \$34 billion a year in wages, salaries and benefits into Michigan's economy. Michigan is a national leader in educating and training future physicians, and the efforts of our hospitals to improve patient safety and quality serve as model programs for other states and countries.

Throughout the year, the MHA will provide you with informational materials about the human and economic benefits of healthcare and hospitals in Michigan, the voluntary patient safety and quality efforts taking place in our communities and the ways that healthcare reform efforts are affecting our state. To ensure that patients, families, communities and healthcare professionals continue to benefit from Michigan's outstanding network of community hospitals, it is critical that policies promoting healthcare access, higher quality, professional development and education and adequate resources maintain Michigan's healthcare safety net.

We look forward to working with you and your colleagues on the Health Policy Committee in keeping healthcare affordable and accessible for all Michigan residents, and I'd like to encourage you to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for the latest news on Michigan hospitals. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at (517) 703-8601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Mitchell", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Mitchell, Vice President
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